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Sir,

At 2 p.m. 23rd instant the Ningpo merchants in Shanghai held a meeting in their guild in Frenchtown and elected the committee for the coming year. Those present at the meeting all wished to dissociate themselves from the action of Taoyin Chow in sending a telegram to Peking in the name of Ningpo people in Shanghai requesting Yuan Shih Kai to remain President.

Some days ago the rebels seized Wukiang 吳淞 south of Soochow and yesterday a number of Government troops arrived from the latter place and drove them away. They fled toward Wang Ting 汪廷 which is on the railway near Woosieh. The troops at Woosieh fearing an attack there made preparations on the night of April 23rd to resist it.

It is reported that at 10 p.m. 22nd instant a contingent of six hundred Government troops en route from Woosung to Wusieh were ambused by rebels at a place called Wukiang 吳淞 about 30 li from Soochow City. The former being taken by surprise suffered heavily. The result of the fight is now yer known. It is said that Nyau Tih Sung 余亞士生 was at Wukiang with five hundred men. He had established his headquarters in a water police gunboat.

It is reported that Yin Hsien Zung Taoyin of Soochow has deserted his post and is now in Shanghai.

Residents of Soochow and Wusieh are arriving here by all in coming trains.

The S.N.R. discontinued its ordinary service at 11 p.m. 23rd instant and trains are only running as far as Soochow to-day.

Twenty boxes of summer uniform arrived in Chapel yesterday from Woosung for distribution among the troops in the former place.

On the night of the 22nd instant 500 men under the command of Colonel Fong Vei Nien 方維寧 left

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Hweichow Guild near the Arsenal for Foong Ching 本團
They travelled by the Shanghai Hangchow Railway.
A similar number of troops arrived from Woosung
at the Arsenal yesterday afternoon.

Great precautions are being taken in Woosieh
and Soochow, and nobody is allowed on the streets
after 6 p.m.

X It is reported that Chen Chi Mei 陳其美 is trying
to arrange to attack the Arsenal and set fire to various
places in the City.

X It is reported that a rebel officer named Liu
Vung Piau 劉文樵 has been nominated by a rebel leader
named Pah Wen Wei 柏文蔚 for the Tutuh of Zangzoh 常熱.

It is reported that a police officer named Z1
Yao Ching 姚敬卿 of Tachong 大倉 has promised to give
the Shanghai rebels four hundred rifles.

It is reported that the rebels have sent an
ultimatum to General Woo Fong Ling 何丰林 of
Sungkiang demanding to have that City declare
independence within three days. General Woo has
applied to Military Governor Yang for instructions.

It is reported that Deputy Military Governor
Lu has received a private telegram from the President
stating that if he reconquers Chekiang he will be
made Chiangchun of that province.

The Shanghai rebels have sent twenty men to Tsingpoo
near Sungkiang.

At 3 a.m. 24th instant a big fire occurred
near the Ningpo Shaoching godown on the Chinese Bund.
The cause of the outbreak is not yet known.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

*Entered on M.S.
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